

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

KADNER et al.

Appln. No. 08/958,865

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For: THE PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ALUMINUM OXIDE BEADS



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated, June 4, 1999, to which the period for response has been extended one month by petition and fee, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

26. (Amended) [The process of claim 19,] A process for producing substantially spherical aluminum oxide beads comprising:

(a) passing an acidic aluminum oxide sol or an acidic aluminum oxide suspension having a viscosity of 10 to 500 mPa.s through a vibrating annular nozzle plate so as to form falling hydrosol droplets, wherein the annular nozzle plate is vibrated at a frequency of 10 Hz to 20,000 Hz and has at least ten droplet nozzles;

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